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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Lake County Sheriff's Office Adding New Canine Team, Need Youth's Assistance in Naming New Canine

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is excited to announce the addition of a new Lake County Sheriff's Office Canine.

The sheriff's office is in the final process of selecting the newest addition, which will be a German Shepherd between the ages of 18 and 24 months. We expect to take ownership of the newest canine on April 26, 2021.

Lake County Sheriff's Canines Boomer, Dax, Diesel, Duke, and their handlers have a proven track record of success for the Lake County community. They have been responsible for locating hundreds of missing people, fleeing suspects, numerous discarded firearms or other evidence, and hundreds of pounds of illegal drugs.

The newly added sheriff's canine team will continue the tradition of providing exemplary service to the people of Lake County, but first we need your help! Canines Dax, Diesel, and Duke were named by Lake County's youth and we want our youth to help us name our newest canine.

All Lake County K-8 schools are invited to participate in the naming of our newest four-legged deputy.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "I could not be prouder of the service our canine teams provide to the Lake County community. I am very thankful the Lake County Board also recognized their contributions and authorized us to expand our canine unit. I know our new addition will provide great value to Lake County and we are excited to see the names selected by our countywide youth."

The rules of the naming process are as follows:

- Public, private, and homeschooled students are invited to participate
- Children must have the permission of their teacher/school and/or parent/guardian
- Children must be sponsored by their teacher or parent/guardian
- Children must be currently enrolled (or homeschooled) in grades K-8

- One entry per student is allowed
- In keeping with tradition, the submitted name must start with the letter 'D'
- All of the information on the form is required for vote to be counted
- The winning name will be selected by the Lake County Sheriff's Office
  - Students who selected the winning name will be invited to participate in the new canine's swearing-in ceremony
- Name submissions are due by 9:00 a.m., April 28, 2021

Link for participating in the naming: <a href="https://bit.ly/3uRgv4o">https://bit.ly/3uRgv4o</a>

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